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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President

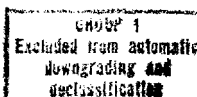
1. With reference to your memorandum of 14 November, we do think the Canal treaties will become one of the most important issues in the Panamanian election campaign. The problems that have developed concerning the draft treaties and the heavy criticism they have encountered in Panama have already contributed to the deterioration of Robles' party coalition. This will be by no means the only issue, but it is simply too big to keep out of the campaign. We expect the subject to be raised by a number of the candidates contesting the 42 seats in the National Assembly as well as by the presidential candidates.

2. If the State (ARA) people still hold to the view that the campaign will be waged on issues other than the treaties, we simply cannot agree.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Dean Rusk

This short memorandum on Panama may
be of interest to you.

Richard Helms
Director

Selected Memoranda w/Att

*"Another Look at Panama
+ the Treaty," 13 Nov 67*

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